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The one I would really highlight is Children's Health month. We have lots of resources for the states to use.

Best regards,

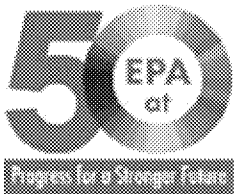
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Thanks Andrew. I appreciate it

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Jag – Initial list. I'll keep look for additional topics that cover the region.

#### **Air Quality:**

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-continues-improve-and-clarify-clean-air-permitting-process>

**WASHINGTON** (October 22, 2020) — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized a rule to further streamline and improve the Clean Air New Source Review (NSR) permitting process. Specifically, today's action will clarify the process for evaluating whether a NSR preconstruction permit is needed when an existing major-emitting facility plans to make changes to its facility.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-award-35-million-clean-diesel-projects-colorado-and-utah>

**DENVER** (September 30, 2020) — Today, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that state and local partners in Colorado and Utah will receive up to \$3.5 million in grant funding to reduce harmful diesel emissions from school and transit buses, trucks and construction equipment. This announcement follows a press conference in Minnesota on Tuesday, in which EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced over \$73 million in grants and funding expected to be awarded to support numerous clean diesel programs and projects across the country at the state and local level. Over \$50 million in Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) National Grants Program funding is expected to be awarded to implement projects aimed at reducing diesel emissions from the nation's existing fleet of old, dirty engines and vehicles. Additionally, EPA anticipates providing approximately \$23.5 million under DERA's 2020 State Grants program to 48 states and four territories to implement their own diesel emissions reduction programs.

#### **COVID-19 Response:**

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epas-list-approved-sars-cov-2-surface-disinfectant-products-passes-500>

**WASHINGTON** (October 21, 2020) —The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has now approved more than 500 surface disinfectant products for use against SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus that causes COVID-19. This is an important milestone for ensuring American businesses, families, schools, and other organizations have as many tools as possible to disinfect surfaces and protect themselves and their families against the novel coronavirus

#### **Children's Health Month:**

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-50-epa-kicks-childrens-health-month-2020-celebrating-child-health-day>

**WASHINGTON** (October 5, 2020) — Today, as part of its 50th anniversary celebration, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is celebrating Child Health Day with the kick-off of their month-long observance of 50 years of progress in protecting children's health. As President Trump stated in his Child Health Day 2020 proclamation, "we are reminded of our solemn obligation to love and protect these precious lives, and we recommit to helping America's youth reach their full potential." EPA plays a significant role in protecting children's health through numerous programs that help keep children safe in the places where they live, learn, and play.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-releases-new-curriculum-protect-children-indian-country-and-communities-lead>

**WASHINGTON** (October 21, 2020) —As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) celebration of Children's Health Month, the agency released a curriculum to help tribes and all communities protect children from potential lead exposure. The *Lead Awareness in Indian Country: Keeping our Children Healthy!* curriculum advances the Trump Administration's commitment to the Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Associated Health Impacts by providing practical, on-the-ground, community-based resources to reduce childhood lead exposure.

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/protecting-children-during-covid-19-public-health-emergency>

**WASHINGTON** (October 19, 2020) — As part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, this week, EPA is highlighting the role it plays in keeping children safe in the places where they learn and play. Protecting children's health has always been an important priority for EPA, and that is especially true during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency. As part of the Trump Administration's efforts to safely reopen American, including our nation's schools, EPA is continuing to work in close partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), states, local governments, and tribes to provide up-to-date information to protect public health as school districts, private schools, and universities develop and implement COVID-19 re-entry plans for their students, staff, and parents.

## **Water Quality**

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-recognizes-water-conservation-leaders-colorado>

**Colo.** — On October 7, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced two WaterSense partner awards to the City of Aspen and Northern Colorado Water Conservancy District in Colorado for being leaders in water efficiency and conservation efforts. Nationwide, 29 awardees produced and promoted the adoption of WaterSense labeled products, homes, and programs, which have helped Americans conserve more than 4.4 trillion gallons of water while saving \$87 billion on utility bills since 2006.

## **Superfund**

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-deletes-all-or-part-27-superfund-sites-national-priorities-list-continuing-recent>

**WASHINGTON** (October 5, 2020) — Today, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that in Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 the Agency deleted all or part of 27 sites from the Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). This marks the third year in a row that EPA has deleted a historically high number of Superfund sites, sending a clear message that human health and the environment are protected and paving the way for redeveloping these properties into community assets.

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